



# Chief of Naval Operations

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the  
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to

U.S. NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH UNIT NUMBER TWO

for service as set forth in the following

## CITATION:

For meritorious service during assigned missions from 1 January 1993 to 31 May 2000. The personnel of United States Naval Medical Research Unit Number TWO (NAMRU-2) consistently achieved unparalleled success in providing direct technical and medical support to the operating forces of the United States Navy. NAMRU-2, a proven leader in biomedical research on infectious diseases that threaten the operational readiness of U.S. Armed Forces, developed and evaluated drugs, for the prevention and treatment of malaria, the single-most important infectious disease threat to the readiness of deployed forces. One of those drugs, primaquine, not only solves the long-standing problem of brief exposure to risk of malaria at malarious ports, but also was rapidly developed by NAMRU-2 at a minute fraction of the 300 million dollar cost that typically comes with development of an anti-malarial drug by the Department of Defense. The work supporting these remarkable accomplishments was executed in the face of the most difficult logistical challenges in a distant, alien and often dangerous land, demonstrates the singular desire to excel in the quest of knowledge and in supporting the needs of the Fleet. This was reflected in the zeal, unflagging devotion to duty and professionalism of each individual assigned to NAMRU-2, which resulted in a cohesive and supremely effective team that achieved vital successes in the face of daunting obstacles and hazards. By their distinctive accomplishments, unrelenting perseverance, and loyal dedication to duty, the officers, enlisted personnel, and civilian employees of United States Naval Medical Research Unit Number TWO reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the Secretary,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. E. Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and "E".

V. E. CLARK

Admiral, United States Navy  
Chief of Naval Operations